

## Framework for the Proposed OWTS Ordinance

1. PURPOSE:
  - a. Comply with AB885, City's MOU with RWQCB.
  - b. Comply with water quality requirements. Protect groundwater and surface water from bacteria & nitrogen impacts from unregulated sources.
2. SUMMARY:
  - a. Register all OWTS in non High-Risk areas.
  - b. Require operating permits along with periodic inspection for OWTS in High Risk areas.
3. PROPOSAL:
  - a. For Non-High-Risk OWTS (vast majority in Los Angeles):
    - i. All properties with non-high-risk OWTS, including residential, multi-family and commercial, will register every 5 years.
    - ii. Non-high-risk OWTS owners will self-certify online or via US mail that their OWTS is in good operating condition and will pay a nominal fee to recover costs.
    - iii. Registration and certification are commitments by property owners to properly operate and maintain their OWTS.
  - b. For High-Risk OWTS (approximately 300+ in the City):
    - i. Properties with high-risk OWTS are those within 600 ft of impaired water bodies as defined by the 303(d) list of the Clean Water Act or within 900 ft of drinking water wells.
    - ii. High-risk OWTS owners must obtain an operating permit every 3 years and shall be inspected when permit is renewed. An approved service provider will inspect and certify that the OWTS is in good operating condition.
    - iii. Conventional OWTS owners will pay \$350 with each permit renewal (or \$117/yr).
    - iv. Advanced treatment OWTS owners will pay \$800 (or \$267/yr) and must have an operation and maintenance contract agreement with service providers and keep that agreement on file with the City.
  - c. Establish an oversight program to:
    - i. Set minimum standards and qualifications for OWTS installers and service providers and establish approved list.
    - ii. Set minimum enforcement standards to address non-compliance.
  - d. Adopt ordinance by Dec 31, 2010.
  - e. Begin implementation by Jan 1, 2012.